

Proceedings of the Public Hearing conducted on 13.07.2022 in connection with application filed by M/s National Highway Authority of India for obtaining Environmental clearance as required under EIA Notification dated 14/9/2006 for Development of 6 lane Access controlled Greenfield of Mohali-Sehna from Km Ch.0+000 to Km Ch. 135+370 (Total length = 135.370 km) in the State of Punjab under Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase-II (Lot-9/Package-1) passing through 6 districts of Punjab namely Mohali, Fatehgarh Sahib, Patiala, Malerkota, Sangrur & Barnala.

The following were present to supervise the proceedings:

1. Ms. Pooja Sayal Grewal,
Addl. Deputy Commissioner (UD)
SAS Nagar.
2. Er. Lavneet Kumar,
Senior Environmental Engineer,
Punjab Pollution Control Board,
Regional Office- SAS Nagar.
3. Er. Birdevinder Singh,
Asstt. Environmental Engineer,
Punjab Pollution Control Board,
Regional Office – SAS Nagar.
4. Er. Mohit Bisht,
Asstt. Environmental Engineer,
Punjab Pollution Control Board,
Regional Office – SAS Nagar.

Asstt. Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, SAS Nagar welcomed the Supervising-cum-Presiding Officers and people from adjoining towns/villages, who came to attend the public hearing of this project. He informed that M/s National Highway Authority of India has filed an application in the office of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi for getting Environmental Clearance under EIA notification no. 1533 (E) dated 14.9.2006 for carrying out Development of 6 lane Access controlled Greenfield of Mohali-Sehna from Km Ch.0+000 to Km Ch. 135+370 (Total length = 135.370 km) in the State of Punjab under Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase-II (Lot-9/Package-1) passing through 6 districts of Punjab namely SAS Nagar, Fatehgarh Sahib, Patiala, Malerkota, Sangrur & Barnala. A public notice to invite suggestion, view, comments and request to attend the public hearing of the concerned villages, have been published in the leading newspaper namely "The Tribune" and "Jagbani", 11.06.2022. Thereafter, the public announcement has been carried out by NHAI authority before 2-3 days of the public hearing and also pasted poster of public hearing notices in the prominent places of the concerned villages. The total length of 6.190 Km of this project falls under District – SAS Nagar. After this, he requested the Environmental Consultant of NHAI, Sh. Vijay Kumar Sharma of M/s Envotech & Management Consultancy Pvt. Ltd., to give brief presentation specifying the key highlights of the project. He brought out the details of the project proposal before the public as under:

- The proposed National Highway is a Greenfield alignment project and proposed for 6 lane carriageway with paved shoulders.
- Total length of the project section in the State of Punjab is 135.370 km. The total

length of the project crossing through Distt. SAS Nagar district is about 6.190 km.

- The proposed project start from near Mohali at Village Bhago Majra and terminate near Village Sehna at District Barnala.
- Project alignment of Punjab section is passing through districts of Mohali, Fatehgarh Sahib, Patiala, Malerkotla, Sangrur and Barnala. The highway will pass through seven villages of District SAS Nagar namely Bhago Majra, Raipur Kalan, Maujpur, Bharatpur, Girdharpur, Machhli Khurd and Machhli Kalan.
- The Terms of Reference (ToR) for preparation of EIA report was approved by MoEF & CC vide F. No. 10-45/2021-IA.III dated 22 October 2021 and amended 31 January 2022. This Public Hearing is being organized in compliance to EIA Notification, 2006 (amended thereof).
- The proposed project is a greenfield access-controlled highway and will speed- up the freight movement. Long-distance traffic will shift from existing National Highways to the proposed highway, resulting in lesser congestion leading to higher fuel savings and reduced travel time.
- The proposed Greenfield Highway will improve connectivity of the Districts of SAS Nagar, Fatehgarh Sahib, Patiala, Malerkota, Sangrur & Barnala.
- The total villages covered in the project are 127. Out of total, 7 villages of Distt. SAS Nagar are being affected.
- The total Land required for the project is about 952.6 Hectare in the District of Mohali, Fatehgarh Sahib, Patiala, Malerkotla, Sangrur and Barnala.
- The project section is traversing Protected Forest i.e. Plantation along Roadside, Canal side and Railway-line side. The total protected forest area required for the project is 7 ha. Hence, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is applicable and Forest Clearance shall be taken before construction of project.
- The proposed alignment is not passing through any National Park or Wildlife Sanctuary.
- The proposed alignment will not affect any monuments protected by the Archaeological Survey of India.
- About 2582 nos. of existing trees are likely to be cut down for this project. Approximate 1,99,680 nos. of trees will be planted and minimum 02 no. of rows on either sides of proposed highway as compensatory plantation has been proposed.
- In addition to the trees shrubs plantation and grass carpeting in the median will also be provided.
- The proposed project is entirely Greenfield National Highway. The proposed project would act as the primary artery for the economic flow to this region. As per the IRC code for Road Safety, the proposal of lighting all along including high masts at toll plazas, interchanges, major bridges / ROB's and amenities and Truck parking areas.
- The total cost of the project is INR 6332.07 Crore. The budget earmarked for Environmental Management Plan is INR 49.85 crores.

Thereafter, Assistant Environmental Engineer, brought into the notice of public present at the venue of hearing that as per the provisions of EIA notification dated



14.9.2006, as amended from time to time, the persons present at the venue may seek any information or clarifications on the project from the project promoter. It was also brought into the notice of the persons present there that the information or clarifications sought by them and reply given by the project proponent will be recorded in the proceedings of the hearing, which will be sent to the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change for further consideration. Accordingly, he requested the persons present in the hearing to seek information or clarifications on the project one by one. He also informed that no information / clarifications / comments / views / suggestions / objections on the project have been received from the public in writing by the Board, so far.

Senior Environmental Engineer, PPCB informed to all the attendees to raise issues relating to environmental aspects or regarding potential impact of expressway construction/ operation on environment.

Thereupon, the detail of the information/ clarifications sought by the persons present at the venue of hearing and the reply given by the project proponent is as under:

Sr. No.	Name and address of the person	Detail of query / statement / information / clarification sought by the person	Reply by Project Director, NHAI
1.	Sh. Surjeet Singh R/o Village Machhli Kalan, Tehsil Kharar, District SAS Nagar.	What is height of road.	The height of the road will be approximate 2 meter, where bridge / any structure not built. There is railway bridge adjoining the propose road, therefore, the height of the road will be approximate 3 meter from the bridge. However, average height of road is about 1.5-2.0 meter
2.	Sh. Swaran Singh R/o Village Machhli Kalan, Tehsil Kharar, District SAS Nagar.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is already road existing near the village. Now, the new proposed road crossing the existing road. The farmer claimed that total 30 acres land is covered under the proposed road including 7 acres land is covered under road, 23 acres land is covered under chowk/ roundabout. Earlier, our 1 acre land has been covered in the existing road. Suitable amount / compensation to be given to the farmer, whose land covered in this proposed highway project. • To conduct the survey of the area for the adequate arrangement to exit of water. Thereafter, construction of road to be made. 	<p>The NHAI authority has informed that as per the Ministry of Road & Transport, Govt. of India has earlier given suitable amount / compensation to the farmer. Now, the Govt. of Punjab revised the rate / compensation amount to be paid to the farmer under the NH Act.</p> <p>The NHAI authority has informed that the survey of area has already been conducted for the drainage system of rain water disposal. There are 15 pully</p>

			/ small bridge will be given in the 6 km stretch. Therefore, there will be no water logging problem occurred in the area.
	Sh. Surjeet Singh R/o Village Machhli Kalan, Tehsil Kharar, District SAS Nagar.	The farmer is having 8 acres land, which is coming in the proposed highway. However, the Govt. could not given suitable amount to us on land acquisition.	The NHAI authority has informed that the Govt. has deputed the authority namely DRO, which is calculated the amount of compensation given to the farmer after analyzing the registry rate of the area. Further, Senior Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board informed that this public hearing is relating to the Environmental issue. If anyone have any quarry w.r.t. rate of land / compensation then consult the DRO, Mohali alongwith written representation.
3.	Sh. Manjit Singh R/o Village Bhagomajra, Tehsil Kharar, District SAS Nagar.	The farmer is having 2 kanal lands in village Bhago Majra which is covered under the proposed highway. Thereafter, the farmer has requested to executive member of the public hearing to give appropriate amount of compensation to the farmer, whose land is coming into the proposed project. Further, he informed that the project in India are delayed, the main reason for delaying of these project due to non-convincing of people about the project by the Govt. officers. Further, the farmer has given opinion that NHAI officers should given adequate royalty to the local peoples, so that people are not forced to sell their land for setting of their children in abroad. Govt. officers main responsibility to make frequently visit in their area to hear / solve the problem of local people. I request NHAI authority; if they will give adequate amount to the farmer then no dispute will arise in the area.	Hon'ble ADC (UD) has apprised to the people attending to the public hearing, if any quarry w.r.t. rate of land / compensation then consult DRO, Mohali alongwith written representation. Please ask the question, if any quarry about the Environmental issue for the development of proposed highway.

Senior Environmental Engineer, PPCB further requested the persons present at the venue of hearing that if anyone else wants to seek any information/ clarification on the proposed project, but no one came forward. As per the attendance register, the public hearing was attended by approximately 27 persons. After that people were asked to raise their hands, who are in favour of this proposed project, approximate 20 persons raise their




hands in the favour of this proposed project and only 5 persons raised their hands against the proposed project.

The hearing ended with vote of thanks to the Supervisor-Cum- Presiding Officer and the public present in the hearing.




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